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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed May 26, 2005, the following documents are transmitted herewith. A Supplemental Reissue Application Declaration by the assignee is submitted herewith in response to the examiner's finding that the original declaration failed to state at least one error.

Applicant also submits a Statement of common ownership of U.S. Patent No. 6,111,634 and 6,160,621. In view of this Statement, applicant submits that the Pecen

et al reference would be disqualified and no longer be available under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) for the purposes of rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103.

Further enclosed is a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate a double patenting rejection over the Pecen et al reference.

In view of the above, allowance of claims 3-10, 13-20 and 23-31 pending in this application is respectfully requested. If the examiner has any questions regarding this response, the examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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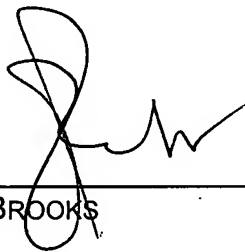
Dear Sir:

STATEMENT OF COMMON OWNERSHIP

I hereby declare that I am authorized to act on behalf of the following assignee:
Lam Research Corporation and the title of my position with said assignee is Assistant
Secretary and Director of Intellectual Property.

The subject matter and the claimed invention of U.S. Patent No. 6,111,634 and
U.S. Patent No. 6,160,621 were, at the time the claimed invention was made, owned by
Lam Research Corporation.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein are of my own knowledge, are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.



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